



Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lacked anything.

“A guest,” I answered, “worthy to be here”:
Love said, “You shall be he.”
“I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee.”
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
“Who made the eyes but I?”

“Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.”
“And know you not,” says Love, “who bore the blame?”
“My dear, then I will serve.”
“You must sit down,” says Love, “and taste my meat.”
So I did sit and eat.

Love (III),
a poem by
George Herbert,
1593 - 1633

The Lord's Day — October 7, 2018 A.D.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! If you are a guest with us, please be sure to sign our Welcome Pads when they are passed around before the service. Children are welcome in our worship. We have a nursery available for children 3 and under. Children 4 to 6 years of age may be dismissed to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Rodigast

Whate'er my God ordains is right, His Holy will abideth
I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent, His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day. His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup I'm drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew, sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart. sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there, He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 66:5,1,2

Leader: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man!

People: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name!

All: Give to him glorious praise!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119:105-112

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been, Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

Reading of the Word: *"Come... and eat what is good"*

Isaiah 55:1-3a,6-9

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

As Far As The East Is From The West

Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand

Alford/Dykes

Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes a thousandfold repaid!

Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy power, and reign;
Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heaven Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.

O Church, Arise

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O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger, Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name, sing like never before
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Singing to the Lord

The Lord is My Salvation

Dare 2 Declare

The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea.
 And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation.
 I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
 I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation.
 Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
 My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation.
 My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
 When winter fades I know spring will come, The Lord is my salvation.
 In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak.
 I know His grace will renew these days, The Lord is my salvation.
 And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave.
 But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation.
 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son.
 Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Series: Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength: Love the Lord your God

Pastor Tommy Lee

XIX. The Sacrament of Communion, Part II

John 6:25-35; 52-59 (pages 891)

We Respond

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Lathbury

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
 Throughout the sacred page I seek thee, Lord, My spirit pants for thee, O living Word.
 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
 Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; And I shall find my peace, my All in all.
 Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me, Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;
 Give me to eat and live with thee above; Teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.
 O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me, That he may touch mine eyes, and make me see:
 Show me the truth concealed within thy Word, And in thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please speak to the pastor before the service or alert your server during communion.)

² 4, 5, & 6 year-old children may be dismissed before the sermon to Children's Worship in room 132.

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Heber

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Benediction³

Philemon v.25

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Song of Faith

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

Fitts

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, Who reigns forevermore.

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am *(begins Sept 11)*

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (Joshua)

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am *(begins Sept 11)*

Ladies Bible Study @ DPC *(None Like Him)*

Tuesday @ Noon *(begins Sept 11)*

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (Romans)

Tuesday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)

Wednesday 5:00pm

Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria

Wednesday 5:30pm

Church Family Meal

Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm

Kids Choirs:

5 Year Old - 2nd Grade / Kids of the King

3rd Grade - 5th Grade / Dare 2 Declare

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm

DPC Youth! (6th-8th Grade)

DPC Youth! (9th-12th Grade)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Worship Choir Practice

Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm

Adult Open Door Study (Prayer)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Life Groups

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

4 Year Olds & Kindergarten / Kid's Quest

1st - 2nd Grade / Kid's Quest

3rd - 5th Grade / Kid's Quest

Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Ezekiel)

³ Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

DPC Announcements

Midweek Ministries: Come join us every Wednesday night! Church family meal at 5:30 pm, followed by several ministry opportunities.

Church Family Meal: Wednesday nights, 5:30pm. Cost is \$5.00/per person, with a \$20.00 cap per family. The menu for this Wednesday, October 10: Chick-Fil-A, Salad, Chips, and Drink. Sign ups are not needed

Inquirers' Lunch: Today, immediately following worship, we'll enjoy a catered lunch along with time interacting on the "*gospel-centered*" church and what church membership might be like at DPC. Plan to stay with us until 2:00 pm. This lunch is an introduction to our 7-week Inquirers' Class. Any questions, see Rick.

Bridal Shower: for Anna Knowling, fiance of Nelson Littrell, today @ 2:00 pm. at the home of Carol Godwin (1610 Brookmeade Road SE). Anna is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond, Williams Sonoma, Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware and Lawrens.

Youth, Night Games & Ice Cream: Tonight, October 7, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, meet at the Youth Room. Invite your friends! "*How did it get so late so soon?*"—Dr. Seuss, American philosopher and intellectual

Frontline Prayer: Join us Sunday night, October 14th, at Roger & Vicki Stephenson's home (2122 Chapel Hill Road SW), at 6:00 pm for our monthly prayer meeting. "*[Prayer] gives us relief from the melancholy burden of self-absorption.*" - Tim Keller

Next Generation Fun: All 5-11 year olds and their families are invited to play a fun game of kickball after church next Sunday, October 14th. We will eat lunch together and then play kickball afterwards. Lunch will be provided. Remember to pack a change of clothes!

Silent Auction Donations: Like last year, we'll have a silent auction at the Fall Festival to help fund RYM for our students. We can't do it without your support! One way to help is simply to participate in the auction, and we need items to sell. If you have any goods or services to donate for the auction, please email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org.

2018 Fall Festival: October 31, 5:30–8:00pm. Our fellowship and fun includes a trunk-or-treat theme, chili cookoff, bonfire, hayride, inflatables for the children, and Youth Silent Auction. For questions, contact Rick Stark or Tara Thompson. For entering a pot of chili, contact Amanda Young.

Candy Needed: Please bring a bag of individually wrapped candy to donate to our fall festival Trunk or Treat. A candy drop off box will be located in the Cafe' area. Contact Tara Thompson at taraonthompson10@gmail.com if you would like to be a Trunk or Treat vehicle participate. (Decorating your trunk is optional, but of course fun!)

Women of Grace: Join us for a "Christmas In A Jar" demonstration & Gift Exchange Party on Saturday, November 3 from 10:00-Noon at DPC. Bring a gift to exchange valued less than \$20. Questions? Contact Allison Seale or Elizabeth Lee.

18-25 Year Olds: There is an amazing conference happening in January with the hopes of seeing a new generation live for the most loving cause in the universe: bringing people from every tribe, tongue, and nation into the everlasting joy of knowing and worshipping Jesus. Check it out at www.crossforthenations.org. See Tommy!

DPC 2019 Christian Faith & Life Conference: Plan to join us for a great conference February 22-24. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Sandy Willson. For a taste of Pastor Willson's ministry, visit youtube and type in "Sandy Willson To The World."

Sermon Outline Notes: for adults and children are available on the back table.

"I have stored up your word in my heart..."

Psalm 119:11

“Want your faith strengthened? What Christian doesn't? One thing you can do to strengthen it is to discipline yourself to memorize Scripture. Let's walk through Proverbs 22:17-19, which says, 'Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply your mind to my knowledge; for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, that they may be ready on your lips. So that your trust may be in the Lord, I have taught you today, even you' (NASB).

“To 'apply your mind' to the 'words of the wise' spoken of here and to 'keep them within you' certainly pertains to Scripture memory. Notice the reason given here for keeping the wise words of Scripture within you and 'ready on your lips.' It's 'so that your trust may be in the Lord.' Memorizing Scripture strengthens your faith because it repeatedly reinforces the truth, often just when you need to hear it again.”

Donald S. Whitney

On various tables around the church, you'll find stacks of cards. Pick one up and stick it in your pocket. Throughout the month of October, read and reflect and pray through the verse you find printed there. You'll find yourself memorizing it. And, as Donald Whitney says above, you'll find your faith growing strong.

There's only one verse printed on the card per month, but if you're feeling ambitious, there are enough Bible references on the card to take you through the entire month, one verse per week.